Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation reports have shown that porncgraphy is the third highest source of income for organized crime and the medium through which they launder the profits of their illegal drug operations; and,

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court has ruled "that obscenity is not within the area of constitutionally protected speech or press," and in a 1973 decision said, "The sum of experience, including that of the past two decades, affords an ample basis for legislators to conclude that a sensitive key relationship of human experience, central to family life, community welfare, and the development of human personality, can be abused and distorted by crass commercial exploitation of sex"; and,

WHEREAS, Exploitation of sex has become an addiction wherein men, women and children are suffering degradation, torture and death to satisfy the insatiable appetites of the addicted; and,

WHEREAS, Children especially have been victimized by the effects of pornography, as increasing numbers of them suffer the pain and humiliation of incest, molestation, rape, child pornography, child abuse, and murder; and,

WHEREAS, The sale of hard-core pornography in the state has no value to us as a society because we, in South Dakota, like to think we have some of the traditional, basic values of family, concern for our neighbors, and respect for human dignity which is not fostered by hard-core pornography:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 29 through November 5, 1989, as

PORNOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota, and I request all citizens' participation in establishing decent community standards through praise and protest.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Fourth Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine.

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE